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NONWOVEN WEBS FOR FLUID

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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The citation of information on the attached Form PTO-1449, "List of Art Cited by Applicant" is made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98. A copy of each cited item is enclosed.

Related applications are listed on the attached Appendix A for your reference. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the applications listed in Appendix A, initial Appendix A in the appropriate spaces, and return a copy of the initialized Appendix to Applicants.

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## APPENDIX A

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the below-listed Kimberly-Clark patent application. Please review and initial the listed application and return a copy of the initialed Appendix A to the Applicants.

The serial number of the below-listed U.S. patent application is listed on this form as provided in MPEP §609(D), rather than a PTO-1449 form, to avoid the serial numbers of the pending U.S. patent applications being published on any patent that may issue from this application. Applicants do not waive the confidential nature of any of the above-listed patent applications.

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